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Applicants: **Minoru Usui, et al.**

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For: **VALVE UNIT IN INK SUPPLY CHANNEL OF INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS, INK CARTRIDGE USING THE VALVE UNIT, INK SUPPLY NEEDLE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE VALVE UNIT**

July 16, 2004

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed List of References Cited by Applicant(s) form (PTO-1449).

Copies of the listed foreign references are enclosed. For the Examiner's convenience, English abstracts of the cited foreign references have been provided, when available. Copies of the cited U.S. references have not been provided, in accordance with the Notice entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published

Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003" set forth at 1276 O.G. 55.¹ The present application, it should be noted, was filed after June 30, 2003, on September 25, 2003.

Please be advised that U.S. Patent Nos. 5,815,185 and 6,000,788 were previously erroneously cited as 5,815,186 and 6,000,700, and accordingly are cited herein with the correct patent numbers.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being cited in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing of an Office Action, and so no fee is believed to be due.

Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, as well as any other fee which may now or hereafter be due, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed List of References Cited by Applicant(s) form (PTO-1449) be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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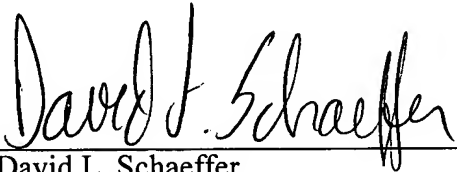
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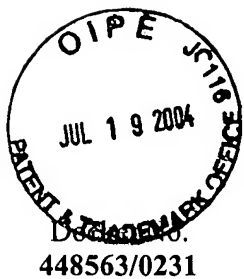
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Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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